



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
15 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
CHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01011

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Monday, December 18, 2023

Open meeting—This meeting was held in the Chester Town Hall Auditorium with a virtual option.

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro, Brian Forgue, and Andy Sutton. Also present Terry Donovan, Andy Myers, Rich Holzman, Nick Chuisano, Jane Sutton, Mary Ann Pease, Don Humason, Charlie Kanieck, Liz Mazza, Kurt Robe, Moe Boisseau, Irv Williams, Jason, Forgue, Craig Gauthier, Michelle Kinney, Joe Hagopian (PVPC), and Eileen Dunn.

John Baldasaro opened the meeting at 6:00pm, warrants , minutes and all correspondence were signed.

- **Joseph Hagopian - PVPC**

Performance hearing, Prospect St status-1st phase done, should finish next phase end of spring 2024. Complete project to be completed 2030 or sooner depends on financing

Housing rehab funding – Enough funding and applications so no money will be returned. Jason thinks there should be better marketing for the upcoming grants.

- **Irv Williams , Moe Boisseau – Littleville Fairgrounds**

Still in need of continuous Wi-Fi. Comcast not responding. John and Don will reach out to Comcast again to move it along.

- **Charlie Kaniecki BOH**

Looking for direction on properties, 8 Emery St, and 80 rte. 20. Liz says all departments should agree to next steps, 80 Rte 20 wants to give lot to the town.

Maryann said properties are already in tax title.

Jason said to let legal reply, that the town has no interest in the properties and let the legal process take its course. John agrees.

Update on Crane rd, in hands of the receiver now, if payment not done receiver will take to court in about 6 months.

There is a warrant issued for 348 Skyline trl, for Charlie and Jason to inspect.

115 Lyon hill rd – still not in compliance , fined every day, fines carry on with property sale.

Mill on Middlefield rd , Charlie wants to have a meeting about that location, both sides of the road are in tax title.

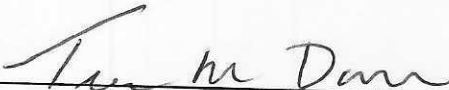


- **Jill Strong- Hazard Mitigation Plan**
Plan has expired 2021, needs to be updated asap , Grant process started but would not be awarded till 2025- the plan is an 18 month process once we get funding. Should not wait that long. Suggests self funding and get it done asap, \$20000-\$30000 is cost.
Selectman Ann Marie Visconti from Middlefield just had theirs done, Don will contact for info.
If plan is not done and we have a disaster we will not get funding.
Selectboard agreed to get started asap and not wait for funding.
- **Andy Myers – Finance update**
Unemployment is overbudget, rate increase.
Fish and Wildlife wants to purchase land on E River rd , 50 acres, near Hiram Fox preserve, will put on STM.
- **Andy Sutton-**
Has a job description for Town Administrator he would like to adopt as the official job description for the Town Admin in Chester. Need one in place before doing the contract.
Andy made a motion to accept the job description presented .
Brian Forgue seconded, All in favor.
Andy also brought up about the Town admin employment agreement. Will schedule the discussion at next BOS meeting in executive session on Jan 2.
-Discussed generator and costs associated with getting a new one, suggested by Nick Chuisano to 3 small generators to run certain areas other than one big one. Save money.
- **Town Administrator Report**
 - Public safety roundtable meeting off to a good start, going to invite water dept, CMELD, etc to next meeting.
 - Presented Flag policy, Brian suggested leaving out the second page about flags of local interest, everyone agreed. Brian made a motion to adopt the flag policy, Andy Sutton seconded, all in favor.
 - Faded Flowers -letter from Cannabis Control has been approved, within compliance with our laws. Jason Forgue said there is a new principle at Faded Flowers, Don to ask for updated principles/partners
 - Town Hall Furnace needs part replaced, BOS suggested cleaning instead of replacing part, Don will check into
- **Public comment**
 - Monica from DLTA –
Lead town is Chester, Domestic Violence Task Force- 4 different towns involved, info due Friday.
 - Jason Forgue suggested PVPC to redo bylaws in town.
Gateway budget not going down, roof replacement at gateway -2.6 million.
When did Scholarship payments go out? Steinhart signed today, Don to follow up with Felica at Bank of America on others
 - John made a Motion to Adjourn , Andy seconded, all in favor
Meeting adjourned 7:49pm.



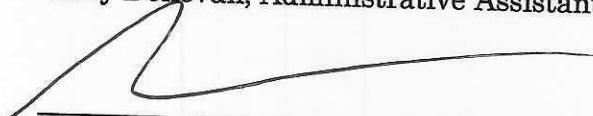
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Respectfully Submitted



Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

1/16/24
Date Signed



John Baldasaro, Chairman

Date Signed



Andy Sutton, Vice Chairman

1-18-24
Date Signed



Brian Forgue, Clerk

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Date Signed